



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Debra L. Shade
Abbot F. Clark

Serial No.: 09/920,931 (Conf. #8818)

Filed: 2 August 2001

For: USE OF ADNF FOR THE TREATMENT
OF RETINAL OR OPTIC NERVE HEAD
DAMAGE

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO FINAL
OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 1, 2004**

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Official Action mailed June 1, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was September 1, 2004.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to November 1, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon Laboratories Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Group Art Unit: 1647

Examiner: Hayes, R.

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